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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5611

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 8287

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, IN, UR

SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES REQUEST FOR BRIEFING ON SOVIET ARMS TO  
INDIA

REF: STATE 85206

1. NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT WEINRAUB HAS REQUESTED BACKGROUND  
BRIFING ON SOVIET ARMS DELIVERIES TO INDIA: TYPES, QUANTITIES,  
DOLLAR AMOUNTS, AND TRENDS FOR ARTICLE ON THIS SUBJECT. WE  
HAVE TOLD WEINRAUB WE CANNOT GIVE HIM THIS INFORMATION.

2. AS DEPT AWARE, ALMOST ALL OUR INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT  
IS CLASSIFIED. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD PREFER THAT PRESS STORIES  
ON THIS SUBJECT NOT BE ATTRIBUTED EVEN BY IMPLICATION (THROUGH  
ORIGIN OF STORY IN NEW DELHI) TO THIS EMBASSY. NEVERTHELESS,  
I THINK A CLEAR NY TIMES PIECE ON SOVIET ARMS DELIVERIES  
TO INDIA MIGHT BE USEFUL IN UNDERLINING CONTRAST WITH US RESTRAINT  
IN SUBCONTINENT.

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3. WE SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT WASHINGTON FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH

WE CAN PUT OUT ON THIS SUBJECT AND PASS THE INFORMATION TO THE  
NY TIMES, NOTING REQUEST FROM WEINRAUB, OR SOME OTHER SOURCE  
THROUGH EMBASSY LONDON. THIS IS THE ROUTE WE PROPOSED EARLIER  
FOR PUBLICIZING INFORMATION ON ARMS DELIVERIES TO THE SUBCONTINENT  
(NEW DELHI 3149). REFTEL PROVIDES BREAKDOWN IN DOLLARS  
OF SOVIET (AND OTHER) DELIVERIES TO INDIA FOR 1961-65 AND 1966-71  
PERIODS. INCIDENTALLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHETHER  
THIS LATTER INFO WAS EVER PUBLISHED. IT NEVER APPEARED IN ANY  
OPEN SOURCES WE'VE SEEN.  
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